

REMARKS

These Remarks are presented in response to the Office Action. By this paper, claims 14-21 are canceled, and new claims 22-37 are added. Claims 1-13 were previously withdrawn by the Examiner. Claims 22-37 are now pending in this application as a result of the aforementioned cancellations, new claims and withdrawals.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. For the convenience and reference of the Examiner, the remarks of the Applicant are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

I. General Considerations

Applicant notes that while claims 14-21 have been canceled herein and new claims 22-37 have been presented herein, those cancellations and additions, as well as the remarks or lack of remarks concerning such cancellations and additions, are not intended to constitute, and should not be construed as, an acquiescence on the part of the Applicant: as to the purported teachings or prior art status of the cited references; as to the characterization of the cited references advanced by the Examiner; or as to any other assertions, allegations or characterizations made by the Examiner at any time in this case. Applicant reserves the right to challenge the purported teaching and prior art status of the cited references at any appropriate time.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 14-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by US publication US2002/0149821 to Aronson et al. ("*Aronson*"). Applicant submits that in light of the cancellation herein of claims 14-21, the rejection has been rendered moot and should be withdrawn.

III. New Claims 22-37

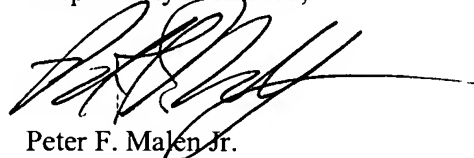
By this paper, Applicant has added new claims 22-37, directed to a test and configuration system. Support for new claims 22-33 can be found in the application at Figure 4, paragraphs 49-56 and paragraphs 68-74. Support for new claims 34-37 can be found in the application at Figures 7-8, and paragraphs 62-66. Inasmuch as the Examiner has not established that these claims are anticipated or made obvious by *Aronson*, or another reference or references, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 22-37 are in allowable condition.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks submitted herein, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims 22-37 now pending in this application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejections is requested and allowance of those claims is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that could be clarified in a telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 18th day of November, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter F. Malen Jr.', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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